

January 2010



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DUES: LEGION \$35.00/YEAR / S.A.L. \$ 7.00/YEAR

1919....Walter Staats
1920....Robert W. Carpenter
1921....Jay Allison
1922....Dan M. Diener
1923....Norman E. Anderson
1924....Henry Swift
1925....Morris E. Stevenson
1926....William E. Hooper
1927....Harold H. Clarke
1928....George Hannan
1929....A.T. Witt
1930....Arthur Johnson
1931....A.T. Witt
1932....A.J. Walter
1933....J. Richard Hawkins
1934....Melvin G. Binder
1935....L.J. Dixon
1936....William A. Finger
1937....G. Willard McCollum
1938....Leslie L. Meyer
1939....Charles Dyer
1940....Newell Fishel
1941....Rollin Whitaker
1942....Ivan M. Webster
1943....Thomas C. Arndt
1944....Wallace S. Whitlock
1945....Stanley A. Lynch
1946....Louis A. Edwards
1947....Thomas J. Lanagan
Italics denotes deceased

1948....Eugene Weaver
1949....Fred W. Lester
1950....Harvey H. Kenitz
1951....Joseph R. Krepper
1952....Gilbert G. Giesler
1953....Andrew S. Blaida
1954....Herschel Hubbard
1955....A.R. Fister
1956....Dino Convalle
1957....Tony F. Morello
1958....W.H. Schenke
1959....James L. Newall
1960....Edwin D. Wrenn
1961....Bernard J. Blaida
1962....Louis W. Wrenn
1963....James R. Hodous
1964....Jerry Kopecky
1965....Earl W. Will
1966....**Leonard J. Voss**
1967....Gene Kappelman
1968....Alois E. Sheber
1969....Mason Taylor
1970....William Harkness
1971....Earl W. Will
1972....Steven J. Kadlec
1973....Joseph A. Bartels
1974....Zedo Oliver
1975....**Herbert Morrison**
1976....Chester Kotowski
1977....**Ed Knickerbocker**

1978....**Elmer J. Mears**
1979....Dudley E. Smalley
1980....Jens P. Vimtrup
1981....Elmer W. Anderson
1982....Elmer W. Anderson
1983....Frank J. Bulin
1984....George R. Novak
1985....George R. Novak
1986....Bill Johnson
1987....A.E. Sheber
1988....**David D. Wisbrock**
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1990....**David D. Wisbrock**
1991....Gilbert J. Gawin
1992....Gilbert J. Gawin
1993....Ken Gallagher
1994....**Richard Bernardini**
1995....**Emery Wolff**
1996....Curt McCullagh
1997....**Larry Bryant**
1998....**Larry Bryant**
1999....**John Magic**
2000....**Jack Border**
2001....**Jack Border**
2002....**Bob Isenberger**
2003....**Bob Isenberger**
2004....**Joe Pappalarido**
2005....**Richard Rooney**
2006....**Richard Rooney**
2007.. **Richard Mueller**
2008.. **Richard Mueller**



Commander's Column

Happy New Year! In 2009 we have done some positive things. We had a dinner to celebrate our Korean War Veterans, had the Moving "Vietnam" Wall at the Post. We had a wonderful Labor Day picnic, Veterans Day and Children's Christmas Party. Once again we were out successfully collecting for the "Gift For Yanks Program". We continue to support our schools, the Boy Scouts and "Operation Support Our Troops". 2009 also supplied some depressing memories as we lost some loved ones and friends. They of course will never be forgotten. We had stolen from a drawer in the Adjutants / Gun Room over \$8,000 in cash. The police were called in and the case is still open. We are out the money and it was (is) keeping me awake at nights. There was quite a bit of good we could have done with that money.

2010 - A new decade WOW! What will 2010 be like? It is up to you. When I took over as Commander I saw that we could achieve anything if we worked together. I have eight more months as Commander and during that time there are a few items that I would like to stress. But to put it bluntly, if we can not bridge our divisiveness and put our petty differences aside for the betterment of the whole, what we accomplish will be far less than if we worked together. I need you. That's correct you! Dr. Seuss once said "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Maybe each of us should take a hard look in the mirror and ask "if not me then who?" What is best for the organization, what else can I do and of course, am I as kind as I can be when dealing with people are all legitimate ponderable. In essence we each need to cut the crap. Staying with the good doctor, "Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you." Why not rededicate yourself in 2010 to the spirit of the preamble of the American Legion Construction, especially to the clause with "mutual helpfulness" in it.

We are still 50 people short of where we were last year. Please send in your dues or ask someone to join your Legion. I hope you have a great 2010, it is up to you what kind of year it will be. So ending with the doctor is appropriate, "Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So... get on your way". Please be kind!! Woody



2009 Children's Christmas Party A Success

Many thanks again this year to everyone who helped make another great Post 80 Christmas party. The hall was well decorated and festively lit thanks to the efforts of Rich Mueller. Following cookies, hot dogs and drinks, we entertained 50 children and grandchildren. The show, Traveling World of Reptiles, was educational and fun and all of the kids had a chance to take part. I'm only sorry our Commander failed to wrestle the alligator. After the reptiles, we all enjoyed a holiday musical interlude compliments of the golden voice of Larry Bryant. Returning this year to play Santa was an old favorite Bob Kocurek. A special thanks to Bob. Each child was given a nicely wrapped gift due to the shopping and wrapping efforts of Auxiliary members Rosemary Collins, Kim Cruz, Julie Isenberger, Marge Pavish, Rylla Gasaway, Arlene Guest, Dee Harrison, Karen Greenwald, and Elanore Richards - many of whom also helped in the kitchen for the party. It has been a pleasure carrying out 2 successful children's Christmas parties. I am grateful for the opportunity and I look forward to seeing everyone again on the first Sunday in December 2010 when our next Junior Vice Commander will carry the tradition forward.



Todd Hanson
JVC



American Legion Department of Illinois Scholarship

If you have a child or grand children who are looking for scholarship money, in addition to Post 80, the Department of Illinois gives out scholarships. Some of the eligibility requirements are as follows:

- (1) Applicant must be a senior in an accredited high school who will graduate in the current year.
- (2) Must be a US citizen.
- (3) All questions must be answered and the application must be in Department Headquarters by March 15th.
- (4) Must have a good record of school and community citizenship.
- (5) Must show personal responsibility.

The maximum scholarship award is \$1,000 and is not renewable. Please see the Adjutant for the forms and additional directions. - Woody



Auxiliary News

We had our pot luck christmas dinner it was very nice. We had visitors Sandy Krubl president from the American Legion Auxiliary 11th District her husband plus Rosemary Mulligan president 2nd Division and Nancy York past president. We played pass the gift around. Everyone got a nice christmas gift. There is no meeting in January. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rosemary Collins



Gifts For Yanks Day

Post 80 thanks members that collect for Gifts For Yanks Day. Rich. Greenwald, Jim Rosenkranz, Todd Hansen, Dick Bernardini, Emery Wolff, Herb. Morrison and Joe Pappalardo. (our Money man). Thanks to the members that sent checks, R.H. Hoffmann, Jacob Pollack, Rich. Greenwald, Gustave Wager, Gregory L. Waughop, Daniel McCormick, James H. Soctt, and Joseph C. Hinton. Jim Rosenkranz was high man in collecting. Post 80 thanks Jim Nelson, Steve Collins, Toby Vlukasodic and others that worked Bingo and collected money, sorry if we missed your name. Check next month news letter. As of Dec. 14, 2009 the total received \$ 2,140.55 Post# 80 Thanks everyone. Herb. Morrison



“ALL BINGO PLAYERS”

**“Half Price Bingo Night” IS YET TO BE
DETERMINED**



Sick Call

Please keep the named people in your prayers, or if you prefer raise your glasses it a toast to them, for a speedy recovery.

To: Bill Levin
John Kloster
Robert Krause
Frank Risky



IN MEMORIAM

Joseph R. Dubiel
H. Robert Jacobs

These Legionnaires Have Gone
To The Commander of Us All.
Rest Well Our Friends.



Attention Baseball Fans

Mark your calendars for May 30th. I am planning an outing for all post and auxiliary members including their families and friends to attend the ball game with the Kane County cougars. The Game starts at 6:00PM. This would be a fun time for us all. There will be fireworks that night. If we get twenty people or more the box seats are **\$12.00** per person. And, we can have a charter a bus to take us to the game and return us to the post.

The cut off date is April 16th to purchase your box seat tickets. Please make checks payable to American Legion Post 80 for \$20 per person, which includes the cost of transportation (\$8.00 for chartered bus).

The incentive to purchase tickets by April 16th is four undated tickets good for any game for the rest of the season. Two pair of these tickets will be raffled off on Game Day to all who attend. So get your money in ASAP.

Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of people: _____ x \$20.00= _____ (Total)

Rich Greenwald
(630-960-5898)
Sr. Vice



To Preserve the Memories and Incidents of Our Association in the Great Wars

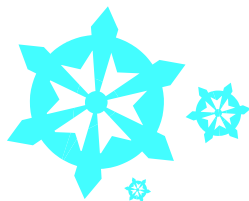
Fourth in a series on the Principles Contained in the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion

Written by Frank Miles for the December 1940 American Legion Magazine.

In December of 1940 when this article was written, The United States had been involved in only one Great War, but was on the eve of an even greater war. The authors of our Preamble were veterans of the First World War and wanted future generations to know what they went through in 1917 and 1918. Many of them experienced horrific incidents and saw the devastation of entire villages. With the hope that these things would never happen again they fought side by side to destroy the enemy. Every man and women that wore an American uniform was a hero in their own right. All had a story to tell or keep secret until later in life. During this time there were also strange and humorous incidents which related to the war. All would be recorded, many books and articles in magazines would be written with the hope that future generations would read and understand what had happened in the Great War.

Those who served in the Great War were at an average age of twenty-four, and had never been far from their homes. Our namesake, Alexander Bradley Burns, was only 20 when he gave his life for our country. Every Memorial Day we remember the dead of all wars by decorating their graves and conducting ceremonies which are attended by many who were and were not involved in wars. Preserving their memories on this day teaches everyone much of our association in war.

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On Veteran's Day we celebrate all living veterans and participate in activities at local schools. Many members of Post 80 have visited our local schools and told stories of their experiences to classrooms full of students. Post 80 has received many personal thank you notes from individual students who attended these activities.



In October Post 80 hosted the Viet Name Moving Wall Memorial. This is just another way we preserve memories and share them with anyone who will listen and see them.

May the memories and incidents of our service to our country never be forgotten, whether from war time or in time of peace. May The American Legion continue its programs and activities so that future generations will be reminded of how our freedom has been preserved.

This again is my interpretation of a lengthy article written almost seventy years ago by a man who was a veteran of THE GREAT WAR. If anyone would like to read the original articles which I am using, they will be available Post 80 when this series is completed.

Past Commander, David Wisbrock.

P.S. We at Post 80 are still looking for historical items related to Post 80. Pictures, stories or any artifact may be brought to Post 80 or sent here in care of myself or Herb Morrison. We can make copies and return your originals upon request.



PILLARS PILLARS PILLARS

"To Inculcate a Sense of Individual Obligation

To the Community, State and Nation"

Fifth in a series on the Principles contained in the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion. Original written by Erik Madison and appearing in the January 1941 issue of the American Legion Magazine. This is also fifth in a series explaining the Four Pillars of the American Legion.

World War One was all contrary to the American way of life, and as it came to an end the men and women of the A.E.F. returned home to pick up where they left off years earlier. Together they banded together in The American Legion intent upon becoming builders, not destroyers. Blessed with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness they found they could bury the memories of so terrible of an event. Now they would improve their communities physically, mentally and morally, and to make government an even greater servant of the people.

Banded together in more than 11,000 Posts nation wide they have nobly carried out the principles of The American Legion. The Post, itself a composition of a democracy that knows neither race, creed nor class, has fused its glowing local accomplishments into movements that have reached through the States to the very portals of the seat of government in Washington.

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation, just look at all the community programs that the American Legion either started or supports annually. From Boy Scouts and baseball to the support of school bands and individuals in special school projects, the American Legion has been there to support our communities since 1919.

Obligation to our community, state and nation promotes not only patriotism, but also aids in our mentoring of our youth. Once again programs like Boys State, Police Academy and Oratorical contests are just a few of the ways we continue to mentor our youth.

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MORE HISTORY FROM THE 70s

Some of our more seasoned members may remember that in 1973 the Downers Grove Public Library began a massive remodeling project. The Library had a display case filled with memorabilia from the Civil War. Not wanting any of these items to get damaged the Library offered the case and its contents to Post 80 for safe keeping. The display was moved to Post 80 and was set up in our entrance way for all to enjoy. The display was moved to our Museum as a result of Traffic Court. The County was not fond of having a display of weapons greet all who came to court. The next time you visit Post 80, be sure stop by the museum and see some of our treasures.

1974 and 1975 saw Post 80 preparing for our Nation's Bicentennial. Thanks to members like Bill Creel, funds were raised and set aside to build the obelisk which stands proudly in front of our Post home. By the way, buried just off the northwest corner of the obelisk, is a time capsule which is to be opened in 2076. Only problem with it is someone poured a concrete sidewalk over the capsule a few years ago. I wonder if anyone will look for it in 2076.

1976 was also the last year that Post 80 did the Independence Day fireworks.

Submitted by, David Wisbrock, past commander
January 2010





JANUARY 2010

Rentals Available for the 2009 Season

Do you have an Event in the near future?

We can accommodate your Rental Needs.

Our Banquet Hall, Our Pavilion and Our Gazebo are available for the 2009 season. Our Banquet Hall can accommodate 300 people, Our Pavilion will seat 144 people under cover and the surrounding 11 acres can accommodate many more people and Our Gazebo with a garden like atmosphere is just right for that romantic wedding. Up to 200 chairs surrounding the Gazebo can accommodate any large wedding. We give discounts to members, school organizations and charities.

For more information:

Call Post 80 at (630) 968-9710

or our Rental Agent at (630) 971-0515 or

visit our website at www.post80.org



MEMBERSHIP

It's that time again. Have you paid your dues ?

Dues are still \$35 for 2010. We are asking all that have not

paid to please do it as soon as possible

Let's help our Sr. Vice Commander and our Adjutant make this a successful membership year.

Please do your part by sending your dues now !



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I offer the following for the new year.

Almighty God, we pray Thee, speak to the hearts of men.

Thou has words which search and shake the heart, enlighten the mind, soften anger and drive out hatred and revenge.

Say the word that can still the storms and grant us a just and lasting peace. Amen.

--Legion Prayer Manual

During this holiday season, say a prayer for those in harms way.

--WJ Border



Services were held at Adams/Winterfield Wednesday December 16, 2009

Legion Member **Steve Dasco**

Post 80 provided the usual services:

Chaplain: Jack Border

Act. Commr: Dick Bernardini

Honor Guard: Jim Sotirakus

Rich Greenwald

Steve Collins

Frank Mangone

Also present: Herb Morrison

Jim Rosekranz



THOUGHT-OF-THE-MONTH:

Digital TV---What next??

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- >>Sometimes it seems as though they're inventing new things faster than we're learning how to use the old ones.**
 - >>They claim the picture is better. Well, pardon me, but the quality of the picture is not what's wrong with television. What we need is not clearer pictures, but better programs.**
 - >>Is digital TV going to make any of the programs any better??**
 - >>We were expected to throw away our old TV sets and replace them with the new digital sets. Or buy a "box" which will convert your old set.**
 - >>We got rid of our old TV (that had all the local stations) for a new digital TV that cannot get channels "2" or "7"!! Why??**
 - >>Television and computers have much in common. The trouble is not the delivery system, it's the junk being delivered.**
 - >>Television and computers (along with E-mail), are going to make postage stamps obsolete. (What do I do with my stamp collection??).**
 - >>The computer – when I can get it to do what I want - has done away with my old Underwood, but I still keep it in the closet – just in case.**
 - >>Why is progress in one area so far behind progress in another??**
 - >>When we weren't looking, a new language has been slipping into our life!! What the h... is Yahoo, google, facebook, online, cyber, twitter, c-span, blog, iphone, youtube, email ??? Something for our kids??**
 - >>One day the Russians (or maybe the Chinese) will develop an electronic device, install it in a satellite, launch it over our country, and knock out all our computers, tv's, etc., and we will just surrender!!!**

RWB



PRESIDENT.....	ROSEMARY COLLINS
VICE PRESIDENT.....	EVELYN FREDERICKS
SECRETARY	JULIE ISENBERGER
TREASURER.....	JANE BERNARDINI
CHAPLAIN	DOLORES HARRISON
HISTORIAN.....	NORMA BORDER
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	LOUISE LEWANSKI
ASST. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.....	ARLENE GUEST

DUES: AUXILIARY \$13.50/YEAR JR. AUX \$3.00/YEAR
PAST PRESIDENTS

1920....Margaret Bebb
1921....Jessie Straub
1922....Matilda Uhlorn
1923....Myra Hawkins
1924....Clara Nash Hawkins
1925....Emily Sanders
1926....Daisy Swift
1927....Florence Johnson
1928....Mary Pfaff
1929....Esther Binder
1930....Beulah McCollum
1931....Viola Vix
1932....Bernice Goltry
1933....Mae Jones
1934....Bernice Hannan
1935....Marie Finger
1936....Evelyn Walter
1937....Josephine Mitchell
1938....Lorraine Edwards
1939....Ethel Margison
1940....Vera Iehl
1941....Mabel Webster
1942....Muriel Fischel
1943....Ruth Karvatt
1944....Emily Mrkvicka
1945....Flossie Dreuttel
1946....Minnie Lester
1947....Esther Weaver
1948....Myrtle Kraft
Italics denotes deceased

1949....Vivian Harkness
1950....Christine McGarvie
1951....Shirley Wrenn
1952....Letitia Mrkvicka
1953....Corabelle Krepper
1954....Christine McGarvie
1955....Elsie Niedner
1956....Kathleen Hotchkiss
1957....Marian Lacey
1958....Evelyn Fredericks
1959....Shirley Schenke
1960....Margaret Morello
1961....Marian Ruzicka
1962....Margaret Edwards
1963....Alice Pechinski
1964....Alice Pechinski
1965....Anne Creel
1966....Evelyn Jenkins
1967....Dorthy Nied
1968....Eleanor Bartels
1969....Alice Pechinski
1970....Helen Beck
1971....Jeanette Foster
1972....Dorthy Kadlec
1973....Margaret Morello
1974....Ann Hodous
1975....Ann Hodous
1976....Eleanor Bartels
1977....Alice Pechinski
1978....Mildred Mueller

1979....Catherine Smalley
1980....Frances North
1981....Anne Creel
1982....Henrietta Gerz-Zurek
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1984....Anne Creel
1985....Genevieve Kotowski
1986....Genevieve Kotowski
1987....Ethel Clark
1988....Bonita Wisbrock
1989....Eleanor Bartels
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1995....Boneta Wisbrock
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BINGO WORKERS

Jan 5th

TICKETS: Jane Bernadini
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KITCHEN: Pat Mustradi
Julie Isenberger
Karen Greenwald

Jan 12th

TICKETS: Mary Pizzo
Lorraine Donegan

KITCHEN: Ilean Kuhnert
Carol Cermack
Cheryl Baker

Jan 19th

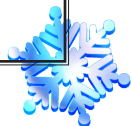
TICKETS: Evelyn Fredericks
Eleanor Richards



KITCHEN: Karen Greenwald
Carol Cermack
Kathleen Pleet

Jan 26th

TICKETS: Leora Novak
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KITCHEN: Rosemary Collins
Dolores Harrison
Marge Pavich
Kim Curz
Arlene Guest



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <h1>January 2010</h1> 					1 New Years Day	2
3	4	5 Bingo 6:30 pm	6 Business Meeting 7:30pm	7	8	9
10	11	12 Bingo 6:30 pm	13 Country Meeting Westmont Post 338	14	15	16
17	18 No Meeting	19 Bingo 6:30 pm	20	21	22	23 Legion Riders 10am
24	25	26 Bingo 6:30 pm	27 Board of Directors Meeting	28	29	30
31	ELIGIBILITY DATES WORLD WAR I-APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918 WORLD WAR II-DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946 OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA-DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 KOREAN WAR-JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955 GRANADA & LEBANON - AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 PERSIAN GULF-AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities					